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Via e-mail: 57428-67177182@requests.muckrock.com

Re: HQ-2019-01221-F

Dear Ms. Amarel:

This is an interim response to the request for information that you sent to the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552. You requested:

I would like to obtain that last 200 pages of emails sent to, from, or copied to
DOEExecSec@hq.doe.gov.

In an August 7, 2019, email exchange with Ms. Renee Harris, of my office, you were informed that you made the same request for information in request number HQ-2018-01313-F, for which processing was ongoing. In that same email exchange, you agreed to close HQ-2018-01313-F and receive the response to that request in response to HQ-2019-01221-F.

Your request has been assigned to DOE's Office of the Executive Secretariat (ES) to conduct a search of its files for responsive documents. Upon completion of the search and the review of any documents located, you will be provided a response.

For purposes of assessment of any fees, you have been categorized under the DOE regulation that implements the FOIA at Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 1004.9(b)(3), as a "news media" requestor. Requestors in this category are charged fees for duplication only and are provided 100 pages at no cost. You will be contacted if fees will be assessed at more than \$15.00, the minimum amount at which DOE charges for the processing of a request.

You may contact DOE's FOIA Public Liaison, Alexander Morris, FOIA Officer, Office of Public Information, at 202-586-5955 or by mail at MA-46/Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.



Please refer to the above referenced number in any communications with DOE about the request. If you have any questions about the processing of the request or this letter, you may contact Ms. Sheree DeBerry at MA-46/ Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, or at 202-287-6733.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex C. Morris", with a stylized, flowing script.

Alexander C. Morris

FOIA Officer

Office of Public Information